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In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 09/998,889 ) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Filed: November 1, 2001 ) Examiner: Saeed T. Chaudry  
For: Method and Apparatus for Removing a )  
Liquid from a Surface )

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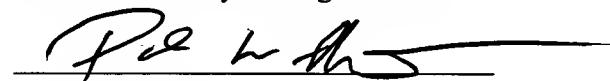
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